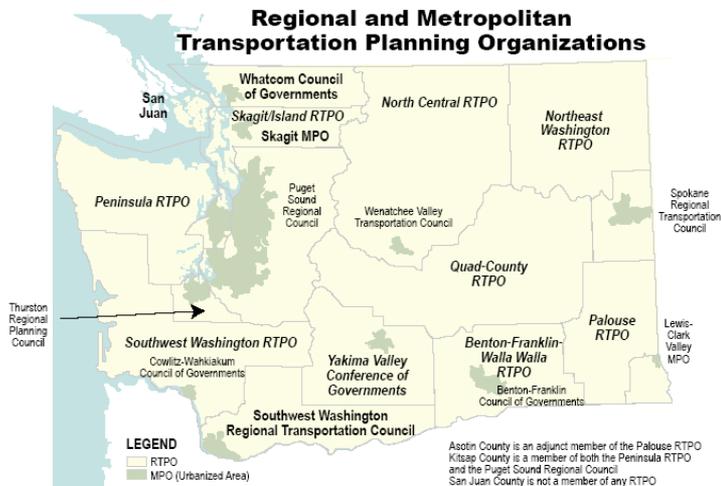


QUADCO

Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)



QUADCO is the 4-county region in the center.

FAST FACTS



4 Counties



30 Cities and Towns



4 Legislative Districts

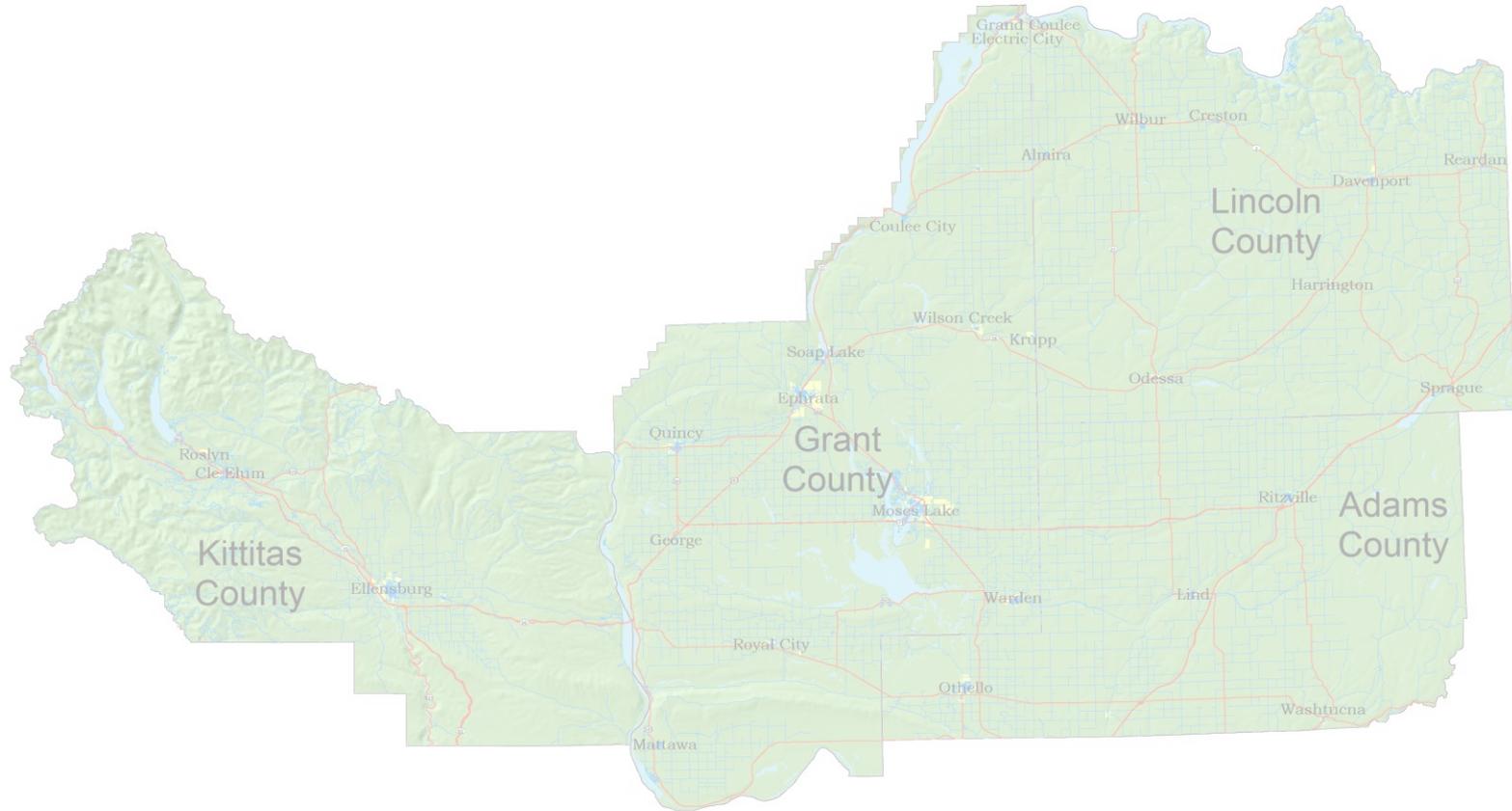


3 WSDOT Regions



No Metropolitan Planning Organizations

QuadCo



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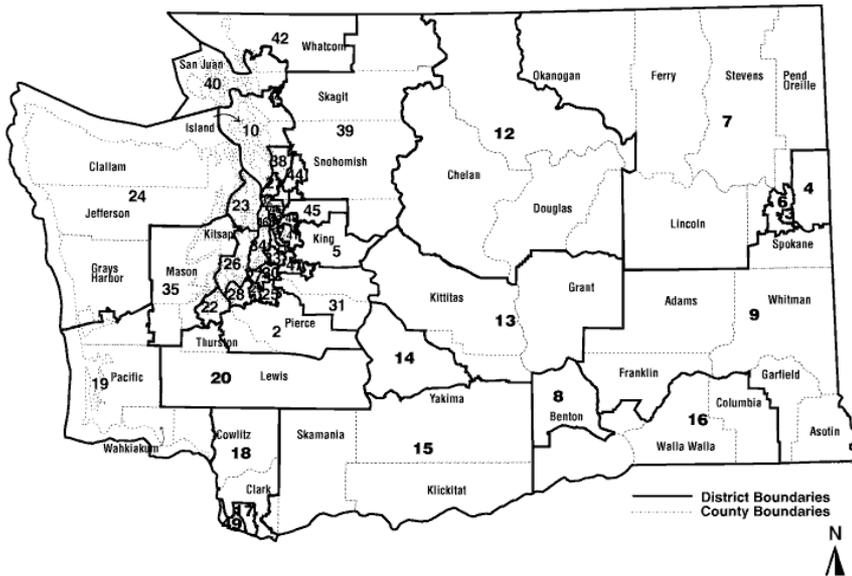
Total Residents in all 4 counties = 152,200

Moses Lake	18,310	Wilbur	900
Ellensburg	17,330	Reardan	630
Othello	6,495	Coulee City	600
Ephrata	7,065	Lind	560
Quincy	5,700	George	545
Mattawa	3,350	Sprague	490
Warden	2,600	Harrington	420
Royal City	1,900	Almira	285
Cle Elum	1,865	Creston	250
Soap Lake	1,765	Wilson Creek	250
Davenport	1,745	Washtucna	235
Ritzville	1,740	Krupp	60
Kittitas	1,145		
Coulee Dam	1,025	Unincorporated Grant County	40,395
Roslyn	1,015	Unincorporated Kittitas County	17,465
Electric City	980	Unincorporated Adams County	8,665
Odessa	960	Unincorporated Lincoln County	4,720
Grand Coulee	935		

QUADCO Includes:

4 Legislative Districts

3 WSDOT Regions



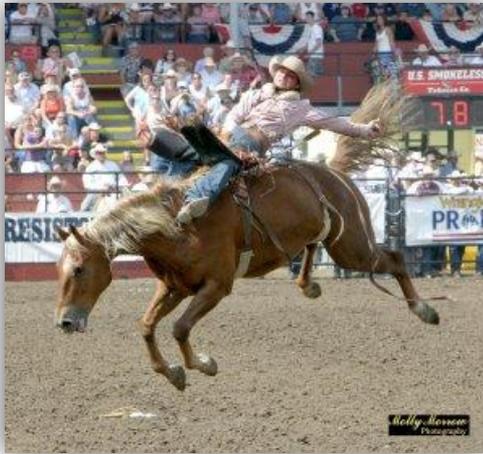
Statewide Legislative Districts



QUADCO brings
Central Washington
cities and counties
together



It's a great place to live and a great place to visit



Population Change from 2000 to 2008



QUADCO County breakdown

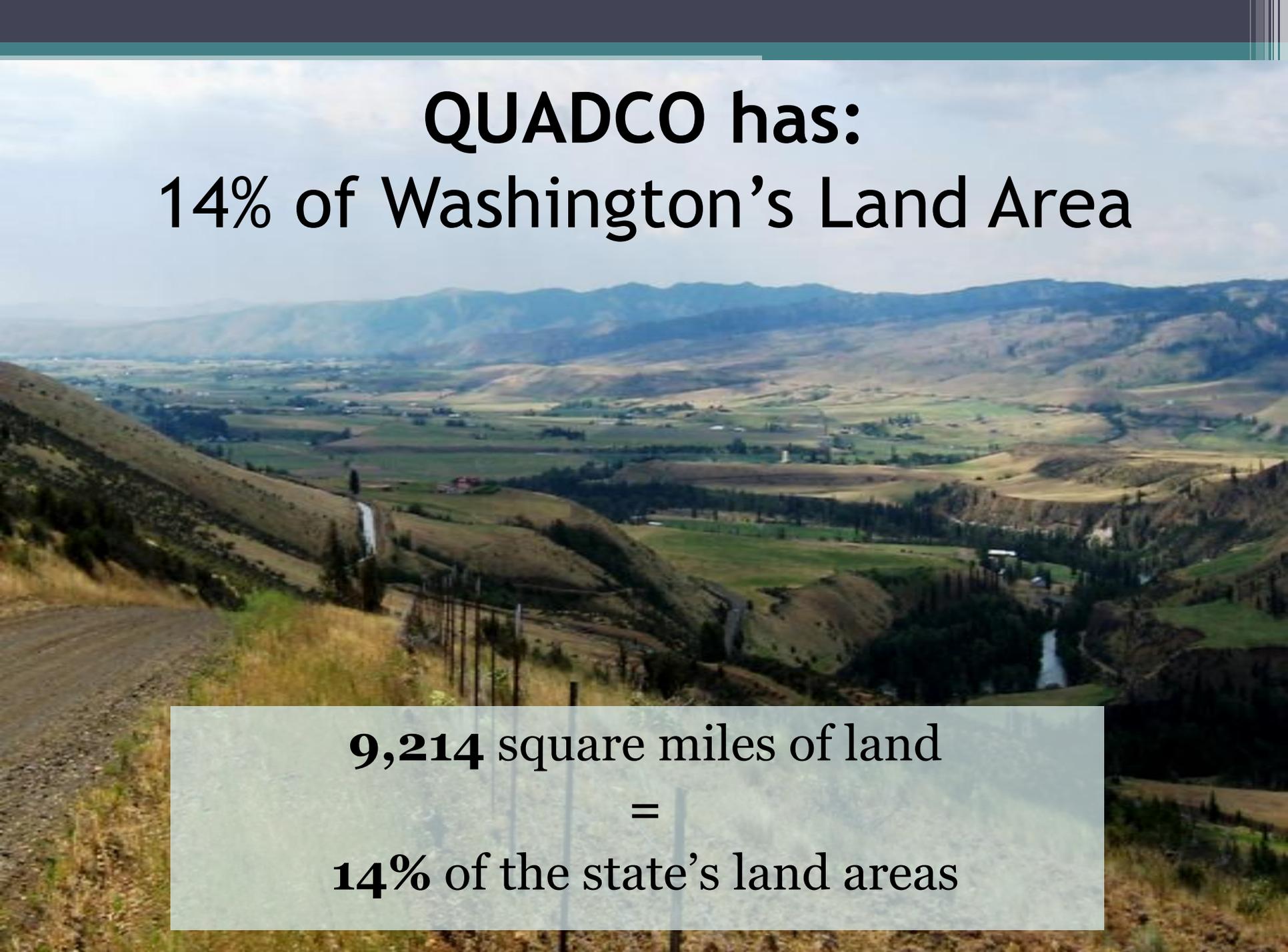
Kittitas	18.10 % growth
Grant	13.26 % growth
Adams	8.35 % growth
Lincoln	2.12 % growth

Washington State

11.77% growth

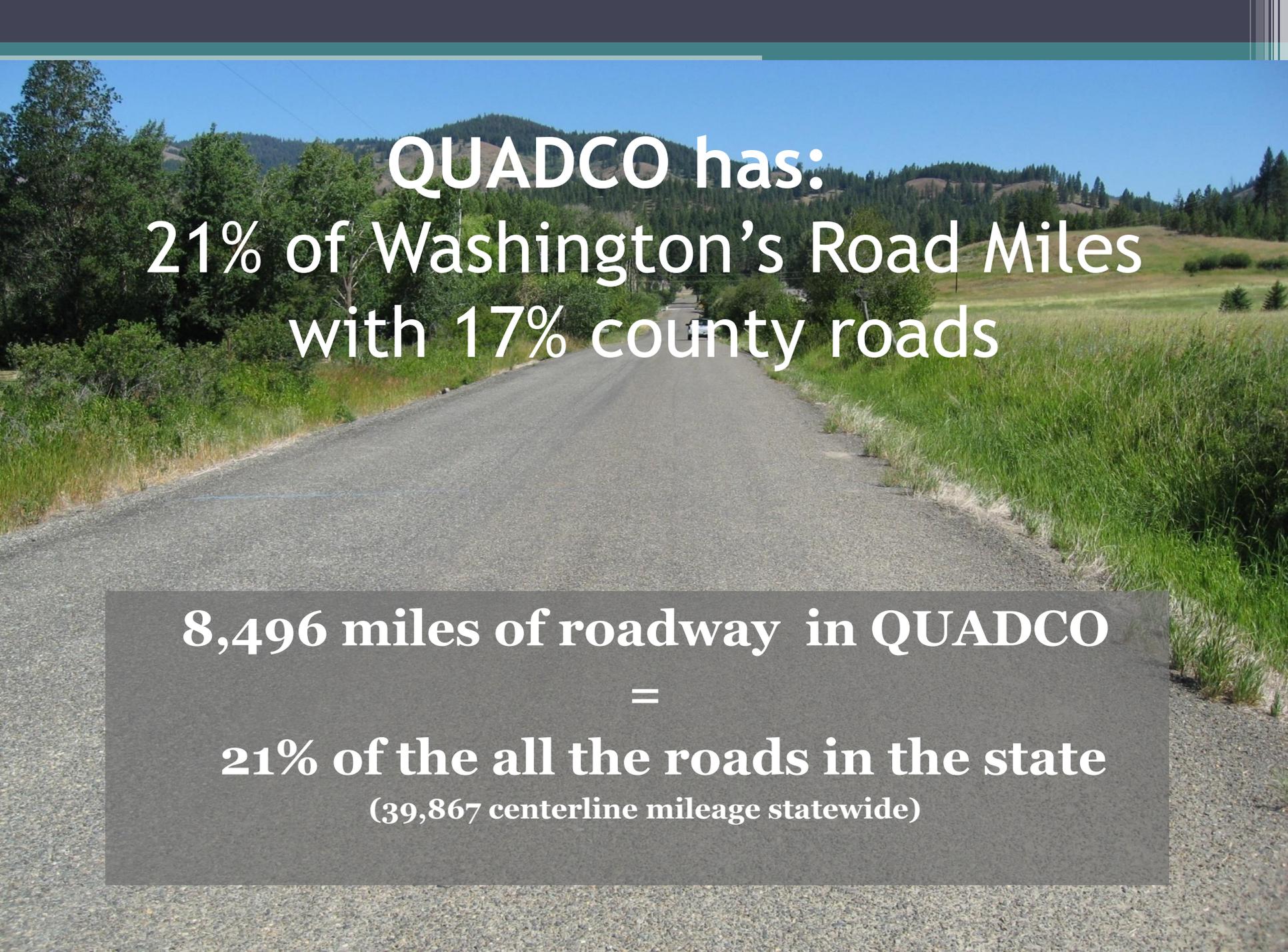
Puget Sound Counties (King, Pierce, and Snohomish)

10.00% growth



QUADCO has: 14% of Washington's Land Area

9,214 square miles of land
=
14% of the state's land areas



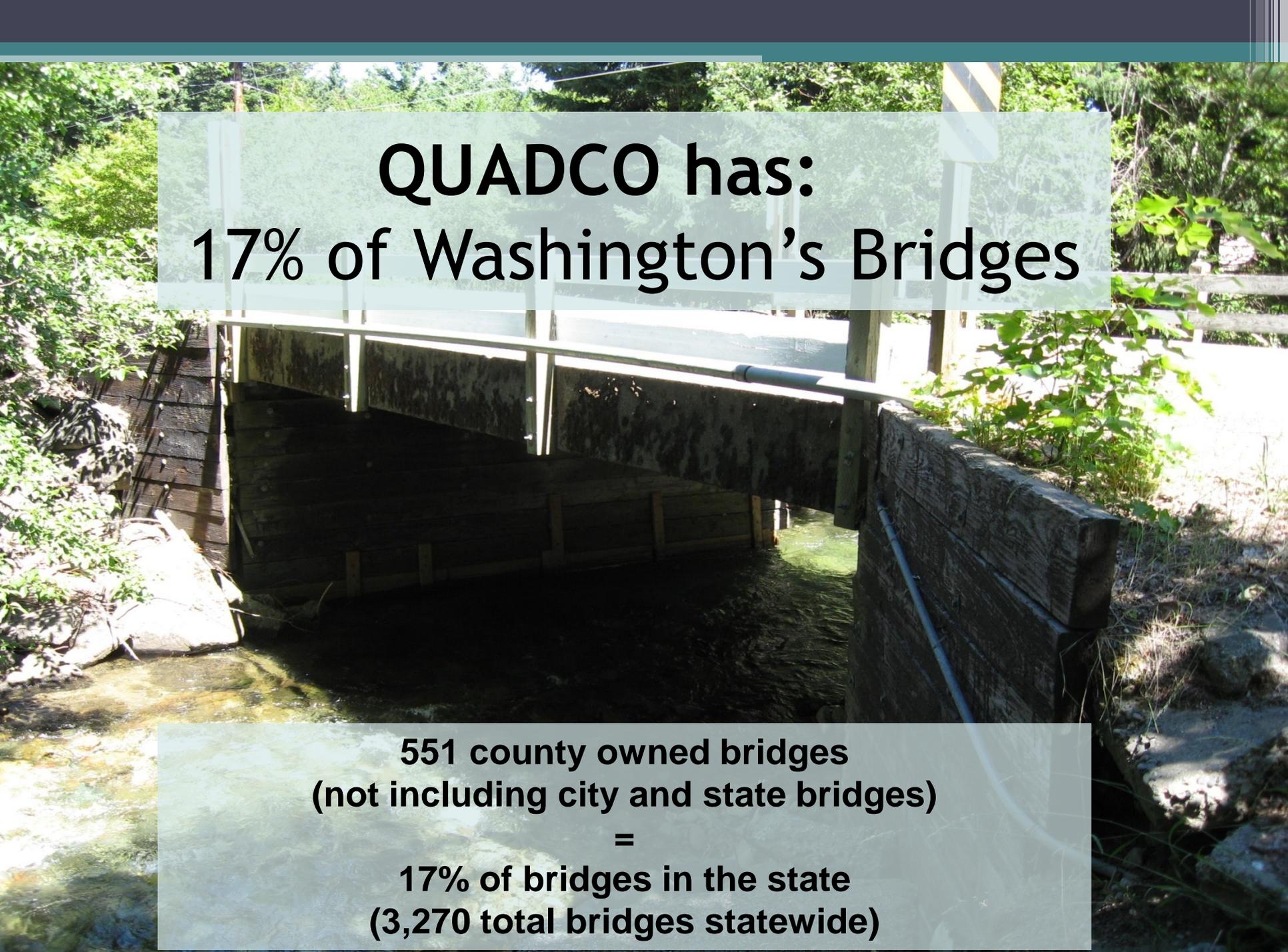
**QUADCO has:
21% of Washington's Road Miles
with 17% county roads**

8,496 miles of roadway in QUADCO

=

21% of the all the roads in the state

(39,867 centerline mileage statewide)

A photograph of a wooden bridge over a stream, surrounded by lush green trees and foliage. The bridge has a simple wooden railing. The water is clear and flows through the bridge's structure. The background is filled with dense greenery, suggesting a rural or natural setting.

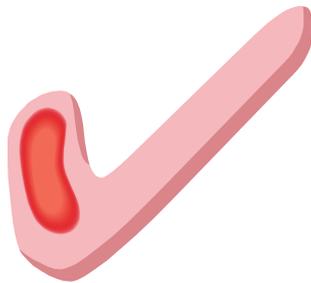
QUADCO has: 17% of Washington's Bridges

**551 county owned bridges
(not including city and state bridges)**

=

**17% of bridges in the state
(3,270 total bridges statewide)**

**QUADCO's limited resources
must stretch to:**



**Maintain almost the
same amount that
WSDOT
maintains statewide
(97%)**

**7,044 miles of state highways as compared to 6,858 miles of county owned roadway in
QUADCO (does not include the city roadway miles)**

QUADCO Disagrees with WSDOT Calculation

WSDOT's Report: "Return Per Dollar Contributed by Citizens within Each County State & Federal Transportation Funds (2004-2015)" says:

- For every dollar contributed by residents in the following counties they receive back in transportation investments:

Kittitas: \$4.20 Lincoln: \$4.03 Adams: \$2.23 Grant: \$0.98

HOWEVER – this includes WSDOT's expensive I-90 projects and all of the state route improvements.

We Do not agree that I-90 Investments in QUADCO Area are Enough

- Our residents benefit, but they are not the major benefactors – this major interstate system was not built mainly for 2% of the state's population.
- QUADCO has 68% of I-90, and 26% of the total statewide interstate system. This major interstate system is a necessity for ALL of the state, not just the residents in the QUADCO counties.
- QUADCO has vital transportation needs that are not funded on local and regional road systems. Our residents are not getting those needs met – but heavy investments for I-90 distort the amount the state is providing our area.

QUADCO Needs YOUR Help To:

-  **Keep our existing roads and bridges functional.**
-  **Reduce accidents with safety improvements.**
-  **Improve the flow of freight and goods with all-weather roads.**

QUADCO Needs Your Help To:

Keep our Existing
Roads and Bridges
Functional.



Keep Our Existing Roads and Bridges Functional

Keeping our existing roads and bridges functional requires adequate maintenance and preservation budgets.

This is top priority for QUADCO.

The four QUADCO counties (cities included) use 46% of their total budget for these activities.



Keep Our Existing Roads and Bridges Functional

QUADCO agencies use their resources wisely. Only \$2,756 per mile is spent on maintenance and preservation. This is way below the average of \$7,212 per mile for all counties statewide.

However some needs are not addressed because of limited funding – and fluctuating petroleum and materials costs are widening this gap.



Keep Our Existing Roads and Bridges Functional

It's even worse for QUADCO cities. They do not have dedicated revenue for maintenance and preservation work. This kind of expense must compete with other departments for local general funds. Beautification projects will often get priority over preserving a road because of their higher visibility.



There are reasons why we need more maintenance funds to remove roadside banks.

Blowing and drifting snow combined with large roadside banks makes snow removal difficult.



Sometimes you don't know what lurks
inside the snow drifts



QUADCO Needs Your Help To:

Reduce accidents
with safety
improvements.



Reduce accidents with safety improvements.

Safety improvements reduce accidents that involve property damage, personal injuries, and fatalities.

All construction projects improve safety to some degree.



Reduce accidents with safety improvements.

The most dangerous roads are two-lane county roads with a fatality rate of 2.28 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

The fatality rate for state highways is 1.65, for city streets is 0.90, and for the interstate system is 0.53.

Improvements to two-lane county roads are needed to reduce the human tragedy of 600 people dying in collisions in Washington each year. AAA calculated the cost of a fatality to society is \$3,245,000.



Reduce accidents with safety improvements.

Failures and restrictions are a concern for all sizes of bridges.

Funding is only available for bridges that are at least 20 feet long.



Reduce accidents with safety improvements.

Interstate systems are designed to the highest standards, have the highest volumes, and the highest speeds – yet they have the lowest fatality rate.

Interstate roads have the lowest rate because they are designed and constructed to the highest standards.

QUADCO Needs Your Help To:

Improve the flow of freight and goods with all-weather roads.



Improve the flow of freight and goods with all-weather roads

The movement of freight and goods is important to our local and state economy. However, some of QUADCO's roads do not have adequate sub structure to support heavy truck loads during spring thawing conditions.

Roads that **DO** have adequate sub structure are referred to as **All Weather Roads**.



Improve the flow of freight and goods with all-weather roads

Many of QUADCO's roads that are not built to an All Weather Road Standard are either closed or restricted during the spring thaw. This can hinder the movement of goods and services. Improving the road's base and surfacing to an All Weather Road Standard solves this problem.



Improve the flow of freight and goods with all-weather roads

QUADCO Counties have 2,000 miles of road that are classified in the freight and goods transportation system. A total of 1,719 miles of these roads are classified as inadequate.

How should needed improvements be prioritized? We suggest that you start with the collectors.



Improve the flow of freight and goods with all-weather roads

Collectors needing improvements to meet all-weather road standards:

✓ Adams County: 316 miles or 58% of their major and minor collectors need all-weather improvements.

✓ Grant County: 808 miles or 90% of their major and minor collectors need all-weather improvements.

✓ Lincoln County: 631 miles or 95% of their major and minor collectors need all-weather improvements.

✓ Kittitas County: undetermined at this time.



This driver ignored spring weight restrictions on a paved road not built to all-weather standards.

This truck failed to abide by Lincoln County's spring load restrictions on a gravel road.





Improve the flow of freight and goods with all-weather roads

All Weather Roads in QUADCO are not only important to the local areas, but also the state.

This region has the greatest amount of harvested cropland in the state, requiring the ability to transport from farm to market without restrictions.

QUADCO Has 32% of the State's Harvested Croplands

QUADCO County breakdown

Grant	599,943 acres	12.5% of state
Lincoln	510,356 acres	10.5% of state
Adams	397,171 acres	8% of state
Kittitas	66,711 acres	1% of state
QUADCO area	1,574,181 acres	32% of state
Washington State	4,894,634 acres of cropland	

Remember QUADCO's Transportation Needs -- We Need Your Help!

